

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A windshield stop for supporting an automotive windshield on an automotive chassis comprising:

a windshield support portion including a plurality of finger members projecting from a base portion that are selectively engageable with a lower edge of said windshield for a positional support thereof; and

a cowl mounting bracket integrally formed with said base portion to provide structural connection with a cowling member to be mounted adjacent to said windshield.

2. The windshield stop of Claim 1 wherein said cowl mounting bracket is formed with a top surface that is positionable when said windshield stop is mounted on said automotive chassis in register with said cowling member.

3. The windshield stop of Claim 2 wherein said top surface is formed with an opening therein to receive a fastener connecting said cowling member to said cowl mounting bracket.

4. The windshield stop of Claim 3 wherein said fastener is a push pin that engages the sides of said opening for securing said cowling member to said cowl mounting bracket.

5. The windshield stop of Claim 3 wherein said cowl mounting bracket extends from said base portion in opposition to said finger members.

6. The windshield stop of Claim 5 wherein said base portion is also formed with a mounting tab that is engageable with the automotive chassis for connecting said windshield stop thereto.

7. The windshield stop of Claim 6 wherein said mounting tab is positioned intermediate said finger members and said cowl mounting bracket.

8. In an automobile having a chassis, a windshield mounted on said chassis, and a cowling member supported on said chassis adjacent said windshield, said windshield being supported on a windshield stop mounted on said chassis, said windshield stop being formed with finger members projecting outwardly from a base portion engaged with said chassis, the improvement comprising:

said windshield stop being formed with a cowl mounting bracket integrally formed with said base portion to provide structural connection for said cowling member.

9. The automobile of Claim 8 wherein said cowl mounting bracket extends from said base portion in opposition to said finger members.

10. The automobile of Claim 9 wherein said cowl mounting bracket is formed with a top surface that is positionable in register with said cowling member.

11. The automobile of Claim 10 wherein said top surface is formed with an opening therein to receive a fastener connecting said cowling member to said cowl mounting bracket.

12. The automobile of Claim 11 wherein said base portion is also formed with a mounting tab that is engageable with the automotive chassis for connecting said windshield stop thereto.

13. The automobile of Claim 12 wherein said mounting tab is positioned intermediate said finger members and said cowl mounting bracket.

14. A method of mounting a cowling member on an automobile chassis adjacent a windshield supported on said chassis comprising the steps of:

supplying a windshield stop having a plurality of finger members projecting outwardly from a base portion to engage a lower edge of said windshield for support thereof on said chassis, and a cowling mounting bracket integrally formed with said base portion and projecting therefrom oppositely of said finger members;

mounting said windshield stop on said chassis for support of said windshield; and

attaching said cowling member to said cowling mounting bracket.

15. The method of Claim 14 wherein said attaching step includes the step of inserting a fastener through said cowling member and into an opening formed in said cowling mounting bracket.

16. The method of Claim 15 wherein mounting step positions a top surface of said cowling mounting bracket in a location to be in register with said cowling member, said top surface having said opening formed therein for receipt of said fastener.

17. The method of Claim 16 wherein said mounting step further includes the step of inserting a mounting tab into said chassis so that forces exerted on said finger members by said windshield is in opposition to forces exerted on said cowling mounting bracket by said attaching step.